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For: BACTERIAL STRAINS OF GENUS EXIGUOBACTERIUM, CULTURE METHOD  
AND USES

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**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 2, 2007, the applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for prosecution in the above. An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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